Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

May 20, 2016

The Honorable Megan J. Brennan Postmaster General United States Postal Service Washington D.C.

Dear Ms. Brennan:

As Senators and Members of Congress, we applaud the United States Postal Service's recent rule change to allow for the production of new semipostal stamps, and fully support the semipostal stamp submission of Charles Denny, the StampOut PTSD stamp.

A semipostal stamp is required to maintain broad national appeal, and support a national public interest furthering human welfare. The StampOut PTSD stamp submission states the stamp proceeds will be directed to the research and treatment of PTSD effecting our military veterans, with an emphasis on treatment.

According to the U.S. Veterans Administration, up to twenty percent of veterans who served in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom experience PTSD. Twelve percent of veterans who served in Desert Storm suffer from PTSD, and that number increases drastically for our Vietnam veterans.

The men and women who serve in our military sacrifice much in the cause to protect the United States and stand for the liberties which are the foundation of our nation. We should honor their sacrifice through a national showing of support, and through utilizing this alternative funding mechanism to increase treatment for veterans suffering from PTSD.

Mr. Garland Denny, a veteran himself, worked tirelessly for nearly a decade in an effort to support increased care for veterans before passing away last year. With his son Charles carrying the torch for his father, we urge the USPS to select the StampOut PTSD stamp as the first semipostal stamp under the new discretionary program.

We look forward to working with the USPS throughout the selection process, and to helping make the StampOut PTSD stamp an enormous success.

Sincerely,

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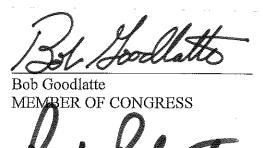
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